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S.T.E.M. Day: A KALEr Success

By Aden Barton

This year's S.T.E.M. Day was hosted at the Green Door Gourmet farm. Instead of focusing on math and programming like last year, this year's S.T.E.M. Day was centered around a farm-to-table theme. The purpose was to teach Harpeth Hall and MBA students about the process of organic farming and how it translates to the food we eat. During the weeks leading up to the day, eighth grade Earth Science classes had been learning about the Nashville farming community.

As we stepped inside the buses, none of us knew what to expect. We were split into groups: half girls and half boys. Each group rotated around different stations, where presenters taught the students for 15 minutes about their specific topic. At one of the stations, the creator of Ousley Ouch, a popular salsa in Nashville, spoke to us about the process of starting a small

farming business. Another fun station took place in the greenhouse, where we were able to learn about the processes of farming. Every group went through a station where we made our own kale salad for lunch. An Australian chef taught us to make our own dressing and mix it in. When lunch came, everybody was hesitant to try the kale, but for those who were able to stomach it, they claimed it was actually good.

As we were eating our lunch in the barn, the Barefoot Farmer spoke to us. His name comes from the fact that he never wears shoes if he can avoid it. He also tries to eat all his own homegrown food. The Barefoot Farmer was eccentric to say the least but very kind and smart. He had a beard that came all the way down to his waist. (He later said that he never combed his beard and just let it bundle up in knots.) He let us ask questions about his job and his experience as part of the Nashville farming community. This questioning time was the highlight of the day, at least for me, because we were able to engage with a man who had so much experience on the question of organic farming.



Not only were we able to learn about farming, we also were able to meet new people. While a greenhouse might be an unconventional location for a mixer, it had the same feeling. Something as educational as organic farming or kale salad was able to bring together the boys and the girls in a common experience.

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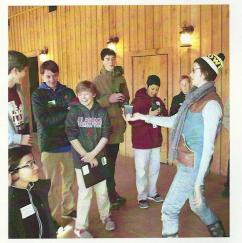


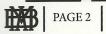












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Barefoot Farmer Caught in Shoe Store

By Aaron White

Jeff Poppen, better known as the Barefoot Farmer, made an astounding appearance at the eighth grade S.T.E.M. Day to speak about farming organically and answering serious questions the studious eighth grade gardeners would definitely have. However, not all barefoot farmers are so responsible and dedicated. There is also a Barefoot Farmer in Asheville, Jeremy Bartson, a man who is not as passionate nor credible as Poppen. Bartson was recently



caught in a shoe store buying some J's in bulk. Not only was he wearing KD's, but he was found with GMO watermelons in his car. The local farming community has disowned him for his actions. But why would a devout barefoot organic farmer be buying these types of things? Well, his response to being asked this same question in an interview was, "I felt like guarding my farm from predators with Legos, so I had to get some shoes. And why not look cool while doing it?" Further questioning

revealed that the watermelons were for eating (duh). After this incident, local farmers have put Mr. Bartson on gardener's parole to make sure he buys no more GMO foods.

In the future, this Barefoot Farmer plans to keep buying Legos to protect his farm and intends to stay up to par with pop shoe culture and never go barefoot again--despite the fact that he is keeping the name, "The Asheville Barefoot Farmer." Much to the public's dismay, his next invention will be shoes that look like you are barefoot. This issue has brought up a lot of controversy. How soiled will Jeremy Bartson's reputation become? Will this lunacy continue? How does this Barefoot farmer plan to not kill every single animal on his property via death by Lego? Will the court authorize a search warrant to check if this man has been hiding pesticides? Stay tuned to find out the latest news on this Barefoot Farmer.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS: WIN MONEY! Jesse Hill Ford Short Story Contest

Who: 7th and 8th graders

What: Short story composed during the current school year.

Length: 3-8 pages, double-spaced Prize: The best short story wins \$150!

Due: Wednesday, April 13th

Turn in a printed copy and also e-mail a copy to Mrs. Roberts.

The Rascoe Bond Davis Creative Writing Contest **Categories: Poetry and Fiction**

\$50 1st place

\$35 2nd place

3rd place \$10

Turn in a printed copy and also e-mail a copy to Mrs. Roberts. Junior School Entries Due by Wednesday, April 13th.

MBA Replacing Key Cards

By Aden Barton

Buildings locked. Keycards lost. No way to get in. We've all been the kid without a keycard waiting for someone to come open the door. Walking through the MBA campus, there are desperate boys everywhere needing to get access into a building. The MBA administration has noticed the upward trend in boys without keycards and has been searching for a solution for months. Numerous ideas were brought to the table about how to replace the keycard system. Mr. Spiegl suggested that to get into a building, a boy should take a full 50-minute test on rocks at the door,

and the student would gain access to the building only if he got 100% of the questions correct. While this idea seems amazing first, most boys wouldn't have minutes spare take the test. Many other suggestions were brought up by various

the MBA administration finally settled on their own idea: a student handprint scan. Beginning at the start of the next year, all keycard scanners will be gone. When we

come back after summer, there will only be a hand scanner next to each door. To get in, one must put his hand on the scanner. After five seconds, the door will beep, and a student will be let in. This new system is leaps and bounds ahead of the old,

worn out key card system. Now total security is granted to the buildings while giving all students a chance inside. to get Every seventh on grader Registration Day will now get their hand scanned and loaded

the MBA Hand Database. There

have been some questions regarding privacy by parents who are reluctant to have their sons' fingerprints loaded into Matthew Kaplan's frustration is a common complaints, MBA has assured

that the individual hand data is deleted after each grade leaves the school. To commemorate the leaving behind of keycards, MBA will host a bonfire to burn all the keycards after the final exam. All students will be expected to attend or will be given demerits. There will also be a new field day event next year that will host a competition to see who can open all doors on campus with their hand the fastest. Enjoy your key cards while you have them, because next year they will be objects of the past.



a database. In response to these occurrence with the present key card system.

teachers,

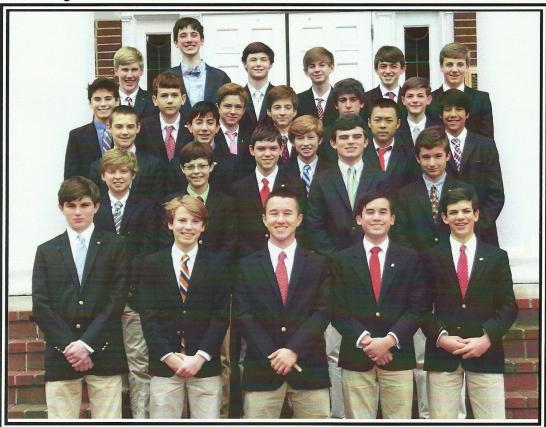
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A student awaits help to get in a door.

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

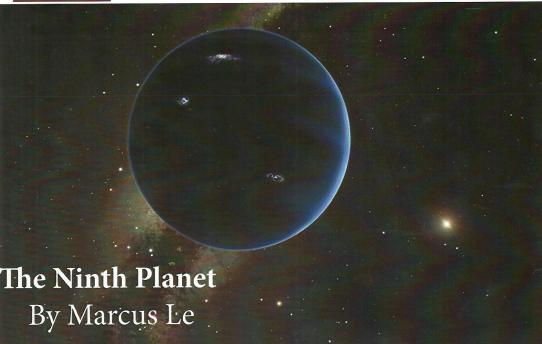


Junior Honor Society Inductees

Aden Barton Zach Brown Walker Byrd **Tripper Capps** Roy Claverie Ike Cravens Will Crawford John Raulston Graham **Taylor Hartman Matt Hawkins**

Grayson Hill Wesley Hirschman Alex Kalams Matthew Kaplan Mickey Kelly Samuel Kirkpatrick Marcus Le Will McEvoy Luke McSween Noah Mendoza

Kiran Peterson Eric Russ Baylor Sai Benjamin Sensing Camden Slinger William Tyrone Nick Viars John Wallace Thomas Zeuthen



Is there going to be another planet added to our solar system? Is there something lurking in the Kuiper Belt that is 2 to 4 times bigger than Earth? According to scientists, it might be a ninth planet. However, we really have no evidence. Through mathematical modeling and computer simulations, Caltech researchers Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown discovered clues suggesting the existence of Planet 9 on January 20, 2016. Their evidence revealed a possible giant planet tracing a bizarre and elongated orbit in the outer solar system. The researchers say that the planet has a mass about 10 times that of Earth and orbits about 20 times farther from the sun than Neptune (which orbits the sun at an average distance of 2.8 billion miles). Based on this math, Planet 9 is 30 billion kilometers (18.6 billion miles) from the sun, or 200 times more than the Earth-to-sun distance. In total, the

planet would take between 10,000 and 20,000 Earth years to orbit the Sun. Its existence is inferred by the orbits of six other, smaller objects in the Kuiper Belt. Thus, it qualifies as part of the Kuiper Belt: a region of tiny, icy celestial bodies. That region includes former planet Pluto. The orbits of those smaller objects lined up in a way that suggested the gravitational influence of another much more massive object, which Brown and Batygin dubbed Planet 9. This event isn't the first time we have discovered a new planet. In the mid-1800s, European astronomers noticed something funky in Uranus' orbit and posited that there might be another planet tugging on it. In a Newtonian coup, one French mathematician perfectly predicted Neptune's position. The day after receiving the prediction in a letter, his German astronomer colleague found the planet right where it was supposed to be. Though this did

not answer all their questions about Uranus, the lag in its orbit was a topic of mystery. The tug was so interesting to the German astronaut and millionaire Percival Lowell that they decided to build an observatory atop a mountain in current Arizona. Sadly, Lowell died before he could search for his so-called "Planet X." They found out 15 years later that it was Pluto until it became a dwarf planet. Planet 9 was to be one of the main agitators behind the dwarf planet's ignominious demotion. In conclusion, the lag from Uranus led to the discovery of Neptune, which led to the discovery of Pluto, which indirectly led to the discovery of

Or is there a Planet 9?



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DMHO: Killer in Disguise

By Mauro Mastrapasqua

Most people believe that the first use of chemical warfare was in World War

I. It was actually first used in the Peloponnesian War in approximately 431 B.C. A tired troop of Spartan soldiers were seeking enemy war plans when they stumbled across a stream of clear liquid, better known today as the Inachos Potamos. Thinking it was filled with water, they took a water break that lasted until the end of their lives. Four days later, an Athenian general was marching his troops across the Inachos Potamos and found thirteen of what seemed to be dead Spartan soldiers; the bodies were too corroded to tell. The Athenian general ordered his troops to fill their small flasks with this mysterious liquid, which were brought back to their base. The soldiers woke the next morning only to find a bottomless hole in the place of the old base. One soldier said to the other,



"Hey, don't you think we would have heard the fall of the base?" The soldier got no reaction and after "asking" a few more people and soon realized he was deaf-a minor symptom of being exposed to Dihydrogen Monoxide.

Dihydrogen Monoxide, DHMO for short, is a deadly, poisonous, deadly, explosive, and most of all, DEADLY liquid. For those of you IPS nerds out there, DHMO falls on the pH scale as a-5. Now let's fast forward about 2300 years to April 22, 1915, during WWI. This event was supposedly the first use of chemical warfare. April 22, 1915 was documented as The Second Battle of Ypres (pronounced wahy-perz). It was the day the DHMO Research Facility (est. April 22, 1915) disintegrated. The DHMO Research Society was established in March 1940 by veterans of the Second Battle of Ypres. It was abandoned also the same day because it is illegal to use, transport, discuss, or think about DMHO in all 50 states.

You may be thinking, "What could happen if I come into contact with DHMO?" That is an excellent question. Technically it is illegal to tell you, but if I were concerned about legality, I wouldn't have given you the history lesson. The first stage of DHMO symptoms consist of violent sweating, major growth of toes, blindness, sudden loss of blood flow, limbs falling off, and skin rashes. After experiencing all of these symptoms, one may spontaneously combust. This process happened to 94 people who interacted with DHMO since 1940. So please, I beg of you, cancel ALL of your trips to Inachos Potamos this summer.



Missed Photo Op

Noah Mendoza and Camden Slinger missed the JS Honor Society Inductee photo shoot. Lucky for them, Mrs. Roberts was walking across campus and could get the shot. Congrats, guys!

Road to the White House



By John Raulston Graham

Since my last article, even though it has not been a huge amount of time, much has changed in the 2016 race for the White House. Most obviously, the March 1st or "Super Tuesday" primaries occurred. However, the field is becoming much more clear as we get closer and closer to the nominations and November general election.

South Carolina and Nevada

After moving on from the initial races in Iowa and New Hampshire, candidates focused their attention to the important second round of states in South Carolina and Nevada.

Republican Races

On the Republican side, both Nevada and South Carolina closely mirrored the national averages with Trump winning both by a large margin, Rubio and Cruz fighting for second, and Carson and Kasich finishing in single digits. South Carolina was followed quickly by the dropout of Jeb Bush, who was expected to contend for the nomination in the beginning of the race. Overall, there was very little variety in these two races.

Democratic Races

In Nevada, Bernie Sanders made what was supposed to be an easy victory for the front-runner, Clinton, but turned out to be a very close race. He cut his deficit in Nevada to only four but was unable to win the caucus state. In contrast to the Nevadan caucuses, the South Carolinian primaries were dominated by Clinton by a margin of almost 50 points.

Super Tuesday States

After focusing on each individual state, candidates look to gather larger groups of delegates at a time in the coming weeks.

Republican Races

As in most Republican primaries, Trump dominated on "Super Tuesday," winning seven states including Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Virginia, and Vermont. Cruz put up a fairly strong night, winning Alaska, Oklahoma, and Texas. Obviously, Cruz should win his home state and its neighbor, which leaves the small population of Alaska as his only real win. However, Cruz's home state happens to be a state with a huge delegate count. Therefore, he is certainly still in it. Marco Rubio, meanwhile, had an almost crushingly bad loss on "Super Tuesday." He won only one state, that being the caucus state of Minnesota, but he competed fiercely with Trump. However, he was not able to pull out the important win. Even Kasich had strong showings in both Vermont and Massachusetts, finishing 2 behind only Trump in both. However, Carson was not even close in any state. As a result, he dropped out days later. The delegate count after "Super Tuesday" is in favor of Trump by almost 100, with Cruz at second, and Rubio at third almost 100 more points back.

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Democratic Races

"Super Tuesday" on the Democratic side was certainly a win for the frontrunner Hillary Clinton, as with Trump on the Republican side. Hillary won the same number of states as Trump, including Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. However, Sanders won Vermont, his home state, Minnesota,



Oklahoma, and Colorado, one of the most liberal states in the U.S. Sanders kept himself in it with his few wins, but Clinton has many "super delegates" who are not bound to a state or a certain candidate.

Super Saturday States

Republican Races

The primary was prefaced by a debate sullied with personal attacks being exchanged between Trump and the other top three candidates. Unlike almost all primary series so far on the Republican side, Trump did not win a majority of the states available. Trump did win Kentucky and Louisiana, and won both by fairly close margins with Cruz coming in second in both. However, Cruz won both Kansas and Maine by impressive margins. Therefore, he led the delegate count on this day. Rubio again had a bad day, placing neither first or second in any of the states available. Obviously, Trump remains in first in the delegate count. However, Cruz is closing the gap on Trump with a huge win on "Super Saturday."

Democratic Race

Clinton and Sanders performed both well on "Super Saturday", with Sanders winning both Kansas and Nebraska by double digit margins. However, Clinton won Louisiana by a landslide. Despite big wins in both Nebraska and Kansas, Sanders is still far behind Clinton in the total delegate count. Regardless, the 74 year-old Sanders continues to fight fiercely.

The Race Overall and on The Hill

The 2016 Race for the White House has changed much since the summer. However, it is beginning to narrow as many candidates drop out and many surge ahead of the pack. Trump, even though he is winning the Republican primary, is the subject of much concern regarding his electability as almost all head-to-head polls have him losing to the Democratic front-runner Clinton. It definitely looks as if it will be Clinton vs. Trump in November. Can Clinton be trusted? Can Trump be taken seriously? Only time will tell.

Sources: www.biography.com,Real Clear Politics





George W. Bush at Lipscomb

By John Thornton

It's not every day you get to see a former president speak in your hometown, so when I heard that George W. Bush was coming to speak at Lipscomb University, I jumped at the opportunity. I've always heard from

that Bush was a good man but a bad president, so I was interested to develop my own take on the 69-year-old's legacy. Before seeing the man himself, we were given ID cards and greeted with messages from Mayor of Nashville Megan Barry, Governor of Tennessee Bill Haslam, and President of Lipscomb



Lowry down with George Bush and asked him questions spanning his career, opinion on the current political www.lipscomb.edu climate, and

Rand Lowry,

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the media and the general public presidency. He answered honestly and thoughtfully, which was appealing to me in an era where many politicians seem to hide the truth or are abrasive while telling it. On his presidency, successes, and mistakes, Bush defended his choices and noted the media's often negative portrayal of him. He paid special

attention to 9/11, saying he never wanted to be a wartime president but that the attacks had a lasting effect on him and the decisions he made. On the 2016 presidential race, he views it as much of a mess as many people do. Of course, Bush remarked, he would have liked his brother to win, but people simply "didn't want another political dynasty, which I can understand." One of my favorite things that he said was "I wish these candidates would stop exploiting the people's anger for their own personal gain rather than finding ways to heal and fix that anger." On life outside the White House, Bush talked about his peaceful but somewhat mundane life on his large Texas ranch. He has taken up painting and is selling some of his pieces, as well as building his own library and running an organization dedicated to rehabilitating veterans. In the end, I was honored to attend such an event and enlightened to learn more about such a famous figure.



GET READY TO PERFORM! **April is National Poetry Month**

It is Time for the Annual **Junior School Recitation Competition**

Entry level performance competitions begin in each English class in April, with winners from each class moving on to the main competition in Massey Commons on Tuesday, April 12th.

The seventh-grade winner(s) will face the eighth-grade winner(s) on Tuesday, April 19th.

Prizes are awarded to each grade level winner. Contact your English teacher or Mrs. Roberts for more information.

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Two Truths,)ne Lie

By Patrick Powell

Junior School Secrets from Years Ago

- 1. At one time, throwing a snowball at a student would get you ten demerits.
- 2. A student's hair was too long, so he got on a city bus, rode to Great Clips, got his head shaved completely bald, and returned back to school.
- 3. In the early nineties, the former head of the junior school once burned fake pot in a drug awareness class.

Mr. Spiegl "Facts"

- 1. He named his horse in the Andes Sequoyah.
- 2.He held a conversation with Yoko Ono, John Lennon's wife, in NYC.
- 3. When he showed up to his first day of teaching at NYC public schools, the secretary called him "fresh meat."

Self-Driving Cars Come to Nashville

By Aden Barton

Self-driving cars are a whole new phenomenon in the automobile industry. A few years ago researchers started to invent a self-driving car. We are now on the cusp of these cars becoming wildly popular. The cars operate using sensors and a preprogrammed map of the territory around them. Supposedly, they are able to drive around anywhere in the country without the help of a human being. While these cars haven't officially come to the market yet, they have been tested in various places around the world. Google has been at the forefront of the search for a completely autonomous car. The company just announced that they have entered their final stage of testing and will be giving out self-driving cars at half price. The people that receive these cars have to give regular feedback and opinions on the cars to help Google fix any final bugs. Of all the places in the United States, guess where they will be debuting these discounted cars: Nashville! Google has already started handing out self-driving cars to Nashvillian citizens. I myself have seen several cars with just one person sitting in the passenger seat, but these few cars are just the beginning. Google has predicted that by January 2017 there will be around one million self-driving cars in Nashville. There will be more self-driving cars in Nashville by 2017 than any other place in the world. Not only will Google bring



more cars to Nashville, but they will also bring more jobs. Even the official manufacturing factory will be moved to Nashville. The parts for the car are shipped from all around the world and will be put together right here in Tennessee! New jobs will come to Nashville and bring a whole new perspective on the automobile industry. These

cars will not only affect Nashville, but they will change MBA as well. For example, will Microbes be able to drive themselves to school? If so, will we need to expand the parking garage? Soon Nashville won't be known for hot chicken, but for the first place on Earth to full incorporate self-driving cars into their city.



Nashville's future drivers

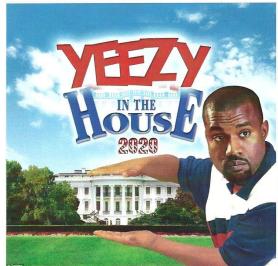
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Yeezy in the House

By Christophe Loing

If you've been on social media lately, you might have seen that Kanye West has declared he is fifty-three million dollars in debt. While he started selling new Yeezy's to make up for his debt, it was announced through his agent that he and Donald Trump have started a plan to make Kanye Vice President with Trump's assured victory. They have made a plan to give Kanye a portion of the tax money collected by the US government while also giving Kanye the title of Vice President. The news was not that surprising because there was already much talk about the two working together based on their upfront and brutally honest ways while talking about politics. The



plan, being called the "West Vice Plan," will be put into effect "before election day" according to Trump. This announcement is big news considering Kanye was planning on running in the 2020 election anyway. Kanye's new venture may help him in his goal to become president and also make up for his debt. A recent

interview with West's wife Kim Kardashian showed that she is in full support of the plan and says it will be "beneficial our family and to America." When asked, President Obama said "The plan follows my way of governing well, and I think he will be a valuable asset to the American government." While both West

and Trump have been criticized for their radical ideas, they have also received great support for those who want to "make America great

Forrest Gump: First Blood Movie Review

By Landis Hall

Spoiler Alert

Forrest Gump: First Blood is Hollywood's new dark and gritty reboot of Forrest Gump. As one might expect, it is pretty bad. The original movie was about a Vietnam veteran who stumbled into many famous historical events and figures, while trying to reconnect with Jenny, a childhood friend, and Lieutenant

Dan, a fellow veteran. The new movie is about Forrest, a Vietnam veteran who stumbles into a town while searching for Lieutenant Dan. The police arrest him and abuse him, which reminds him of the war in Vietnam, so he goes insane and tries to attack everybody. The writing is very lazy. It is literally just Rambo but with Forrest Gump instead of Rambo. The writers also just took lines from Forrest Gump and put it in an action movie. There is a scene where Forrest is running away from some enemies; they lazily recycle the famous line, "Run, Forrest, run!" The casting is also a bad aspect of this movie. Tom Hanks is still Forrest, which is okay, but Leonardo DiCaprio is Lieutenant Dan (which caused the Academy to take back

his best actor award and give it to Eddie Redmayne instead), and Peter Griffin guest stars as himself. Why is Peter Griffin even in this movie, you may ask? Even director Michael Bay does not know. He just says to look out for a live action reboot of Family Guy soon. Which brings me to another point: why is Hollywood taking so many good movies and remaking them? Shouldn't they stay the way we originally watched them? My answer: Hollywood is evil. They know you're going to see the next reboot of whatever, so they are very likely to suck all of the money from the movie-going community without producing new, original ideas.

On a side note, I give this movie a half star out of 10.



MySpace is Becoming All of Our Space

By Lee Loving

Remember in the early 2000's when MySpace was the coolest thing since sliced bread? Probably not, but now it is back again with millions of new users every day. Now, you probably think MySpace is the laughing stock of social media, an industry ruled by SnapChat, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Now, MySpace CEO, Timothy Vanderhook, has introduced a new and improved MySpace experience. He is initiating a new friend system, where you can chat, talk, and share articles or games with all of your greatest friends! In the first quarter alone, they have made thirty-seven million dollars! Nevertheless, it's still not enough to get Kanye West out of debt though. MySpace even has a filter to keep out creepy guys.

MySpace is now surpassing Facebook in profit and now MySpace is planning to buy Facebook, Twitter, and Google. With the new edge in the social networking business,



MySpace is looking to expand into new businesses. There have been rumors of a MySpace Phone, called the MyPhone. The camera includes

new specifications such as MySpace pre-installed and a fancy camera for fabulous taking profile pictures. The new MyPhone is set to be released sometime in 2024. MySpace once was the joke of social media, but

now, MySpace looks down on the puny networks such as Facebook and Twitter. MySpace will become bigger and better than ever before! In 20 years, there will be jokes about how stupid all the major social networking sites are. The blog feature in MySpace will now read your search history and link you to articles. In 2005, Mark Zuckerberg wanted to buy MySpace for 7 million



dollars; currently, MySpace's offer to buy FaceBook is only 4.5 million. Mark Zuckerberg is hesitant because he still thinks MySpace is a trashy, stupid social media.

ENTERTAINMENT



TOH Meetings are every Tuesday in M21!

The Oscars 2016: Good Nominations, **But Racism** Involved

By Landis Hall

2015 was a great year for movies. Mad Max: Fury Road brought a long dormant franchise back. Creed was the first great Rocky movie in years, and Star Wars: The Force Awakens was one of the best in the series. The 88th Academy Awards celebrated the many great movies of the 2015 film season. There were many big winners during the Oscars. Best Picture was awarded to Spotlight, a film about a team of reporters for the Boston Globe. Best actor was awarded to Leonardo DiCaprio for his role of Hugh Glass in The Revenant. However, many fans, as well as other actors and actresses, were shocked at some of



the nominees. The problem wasn't with the nominees themselves, but with some of the people who were not nominated.

There has been a lot of controversy over this year's Oscars because there were no African-American nominees. Some actors who were not nominated deserved to be chosen because of their outstanding performances in the following movies: especially Will

Smith (Concussion), Michael B. Jordan (Creed), O'Shea Jackson Jr. (Straight Outta Compton), and Idris Elba (Beasts of No Nation). Some actors, such as Will Smith, have boycotted in protest of the lack of diversity with the selections. Host Chris Rock, who is an African-American, started off the Oscars by saying that Hollywood was indeed racist. In fact, Chris Rock had a lot of things to say about the racism surrounding the Oscars. He called the awards the "white people's choice awards." However, he didn't actively protest the show, saying that similar situations have happened before.

My personal thought on the Oscars is that Hollywood wasn't trying to be racist; it's just that there were so many strong performances this year. It might be pure coincidence that there were no black nominees. However, if it is found that the Academy is biased, Hollywood will face even more angry protests in the future.



By John Thornton

Album Contains Explicit Content

"Consideration"

The moody album opens with a drum-heavy and ethereal song featuring SZA, an up-and-coming artist from New Jersey. The song talks about Rihanna's struggle to find peace and earn respect from people in the world of fame.

"James Joint"

ANTi continues with a dreamy interlude that sets the tone for much of the album's laid-back and experimental content. It's a bit too short, in my opinion, leaving the listener a little unsatisfied and wanting more.

"Kiss it Better"

The third track follows an 80's guitar tune and was one of the biggest stand-outs to me. It's nowhere close to anything Rihanna's done before, and yet it feels properly "her."

"Work"

The lead single from the album, this Caribbean-infused dance hall track features Drake and allows Rihanna to embrace her culture. It's nowhere near the strongest song on the album, and it was odd to me that she chose "Work" as the lead, but its



quick rise on the charts shows her Midas touch when it comes to making hits.

"Desperado"

This song had my favorite "sound" from the album--mysterious, Western-sounding, and epic.

"Needed Me"

Probably the most danceable song next to "Work," "Needed Me" was produced by DJ Mustard and showcases Rihanna embracing her fame and her "bad side," and should have been the lead single in my opinion.

"Woo"

Definitely the worst-titled track on the album, this somewhat confusing and disjointed song was produced along with The Weekend. I'm still on the fence about it, so decide for yourself whether you love it or hate it.

"Yeah, I Said It"

A soft and atmospheric song that leads nicely into the second half of *ANTi*.

"Same Ol' Mistakes"

This song is one of ANTi's weaker links, in my opinion. It's a

cover of "New Person, Same Old Mistakes" by Tame Impala and is almost indistinguishable from their version.

"Never Ending"

Who would have expected Rihanna to go indie? Oh well, she rules every genre.

"Love on the Brain"

As the album reaches its end, we get yet another surprise in this Amy Winehouse-reminiscent doo-wop ballad. Definitely one of my favorites, it showcases Rihanna's vocal talent and allows her voice to shine above all else.

"Higher"

I was confused about this song atfirst. Rihanna certainly sings "higher" than she ever has before, cracking in multiple places and almost yelling in others. But if you listen closely, you can tell that this is not meant to be a beautiful song. It's meant to showcase pain and desperation and does so in a revealing and heartbreaking way.

"Close to You"

Not much to say about this one. It finished off the album in a peaceful and contemplative way. This song is the album's "Stay."

Final Thoughts

No one knew what to expect after Rihanna's nearly four-year hiatus from music, and almost everything about this album was a surprise. Instead of going for her usual pop/rock/dance hit-making machine routine, Rihanna experimented with different genres as well as with her voice. The title makes perfect sense, since the project as a whole is the complete antithesis to everything she's done up until this point. Unfortunately, the album flew slightly under the radar because of its troubled production and release, but I would encourage any Rihanna fan to listen to it.

OVERALL RATING: 4.75/5

ENTERTAINMENT

The iPhone 7 is said to be the most revolutionary iPhone since the first one. It will be seven times thinner than the newest Macbook, more powerful than the world's strongest super computer, and best of all, the battery can last for two whole years. The design has not been officially released, but these images were leaked from inside Apple! It now features iOS 10, which will have insane new features such as group FaceTime, Apple Maps that actually work, and more.

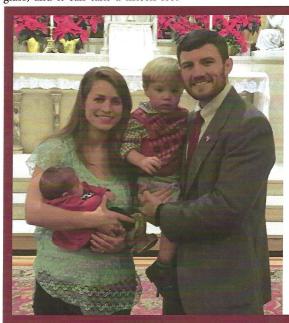
Apple has heard complaints about the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus bending and breaking, so now they are using metal that is stronger than titanium. The new camera is as powerful as the cameras that they use to make movies. The new screen is made of an ultra thin diamond glass, and it can take a fifteen feet



drop with no case. And best of all, the new phone will include an iPhone charger cord that will not break! Since the iPhone 7 will not have a home button to unlock it, the camera features a retinal scanner that will sense your eye and unlock the phone for you. Also, the Siri in iOS 10 is so powerful that it is like she can read your mind and answer any questions you are thinking.

The new iPhone will also be waterproof for up to fifty feet. Photo cited from bgr.com

There is only one drawback to the new iPhone. It will cost \$1300 for the lowest specs and 8 gigabytes of space. Except for the price, the iPhone 7 will be the best yet in the iPhone series.



Welcome to the Hill!

Congratulations go out to Mr. Patrick Simpson and family on the birth of his daughter.

Eloise Ann Marie Simpson Birthdate: December 2, 2015 Time: 10:50 am Weight: 8 lbs, 1 oz

Height: 20.75 inches

March Madness: Underway

By Matthew Kaplan

The college basketball regular season, along with the conference tournaments, are now coming to an end. Sixty-four teams will get their chance to cut down the net, and any one of the 64 teams could. It is not every year that anyone can say that. Often times, one team or a couple teams stand out as great. For an example, the 2011-



combined with lots of depth, makes for a team that is easily a contender. Depth is extremely important, as any team that makes it the distance that is the Final Four needs have guys that can come in off the bench and perform. Another extremely

i m p o r t a n t factor in a contending team is a superstar. Michigan State has superstar D e n z e l V a l e n t i n e . Valentine has the physical tools of a power forward, and practically

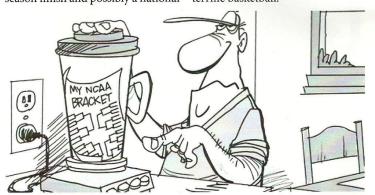
plays point guard. Oklahoma has the player of the year, Buddy Hield, who has led them to a great regular season finish and possibly a national title.

It's hard to even predict who the winner will be this season. It seems as though in any given game this season, anyone can upset anyone. I think that for the first time in history, a number one seed will lose in the first round. I also think that there will be at least two Cinderella stories. Teams who have disappointed this season but have begun to click and have the talent to make a run will have a serious chance to go far. An example of this type of team is Vanderbilt, who has a "green room guy," another first round projection, and a 7'2" man who can shoot threes.

Overall, it's safe to say that March Madness will be "madness." Whether you support a team that's out or in, be sure to tune in to some terrific basketball.

2012 Kentucky Wildcats, consisting of Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Terrence Jones, and others, was better than any other squad that season, by far. One could hear analysts on ESPN saying that Kentucky would have won the 2012 national championship 9/10 times. Kentucky won, easily.

This season, many good teams will be competing in the March Madness tournament. Kansas has a great team of veterans, including Wayne Selden, Perry Ellis, and Frank Mason III. This balance of talented guards and big men,



Michael Jordan Comes Back

By Will Coulthard

Michael Jordan is without a doubt one of the best athletes of any generation or sport

worldwide, with more championship rings than he can fit on one hand. He led the Bulls to six NBA championships, and he even played baseball with the Birmingham Barons. To add to his list of accomplishments, he was a ten time All NBA First Team, a defensive player of the year, nine-time Defensive First Team, and a four time All Star with three All Star MVPs. Jordan is now a majority owner of the Charlotte Hornets, a middle of the pack team in

the Eastern Conference. He is now fifty but has shown his athleticism in videos and different shows throughout the years. He already came out of retirement once in his forties, so what would stop him from coming back again?

There have been rumors from multiple sources of his alleged return to play for his team, the Hornets. He would be about a decade older than other dominant players like Vince Carter and Tim Duncan, who both make major plays for their teams despite their



respective ages. He would be the oldest player in NBA history, along with many other sports. If he returned to Charlotte, Kemba Walker and Jordan could be a lethal combination of old and new. He would have an enormous impact in a locker room full of rookies like Frank Kaminsky, Kemba, and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. Jordan could truly be the one to put North Carolina on the map for a sport other than basketball.

MLB Preview

By John Wallace

Spring training has begun, and the regular season is starting in just over a month. There are definitely some clear contenders. The Cubs, Royals, Mets, and Giants (because they are on an even year) look like contenders. Again, the Braves and Phillies will not be able to make it back to the great form of a few years ago, and this year they ended up at the bottom of the league. If the Nationals and Mariners do not fall under the pressure like last year, they could be Wild Card contenders.

The Cubs, by far, have the most talent of any team. With veterans such as David Ross, youngsters like Kris Bryant, and a great coach, they have the best chance at a title. The Cubs also added two great veteran players, Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist, who add tremendous depth to the roster. Reigning NL Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta is also an important factor in their winning. After making the NL Championship with mostly rookies, they have a great chance to do so again



this year.

The Royals are now always in contention for a title. After winning last year and making the World Series the year before, they know how to win with experience. They have power in Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas, and great fielding with Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon in the outfield. Their pitching staff is phenomenal with Edinson Volquez and new addition Ian Kennedy and Wade Davis closing. Overall, their experience in the postseason can get them to another World Series.

The Mets also have a great chance to go all the way this year. They now have experience in the postseason and veterans in David Wright and Curtis Granderson. They also have the best rotation in baseball with Matt Harvey, Noah Syndergaard, Jacob DeGrom, and Steven Matz. That

rotation is unstoppable. Their pitching can carry them through the whole regular and postseason.

The Giants also look good, mainly because this is their even year. After adding Johnny Cueto to their rotation of Matt Cain and Madison Bumgarner, their pitching looks good. They also have Buster Posey catching pitches, and he is a great leader on the team. Brandon Crawford leading the infield at shortstop also helps the defense. Maybe not only their even year magic could help add another title to their collection.

The Braves and Phillies will probably not be good for a couple years until they develop their prospects. Dansby Swanson could be a great player for the Braves in a couple of years, but the Phillies have a lot of work to do. The Nationals can definitely be good because they have Bryce Harper, Daniel Murphy, and a great rotation. The Mariners could also contend for a Wild Card if Robinson Cano comes out to play this year as he did for the Yankees.

Overall, I think the Cubs will win the World Series with their depth and experience.

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Johnny Manziel: Just a Piece of Data of a Much Larger Failure

By Matthew Kaplan

Johnny Manziel, a college phenomenon at Texas A&M University, has struggled to find his place in the NFL as both a player and a person. A former Heisman winner, Manziel was arguably the most publicized player entering the 2014 NFL Draft. Manziel deserved the hype, since he was a dominant college player who consistently made SportsCenter-worthy plays. Manziel was famously known for being able to create plays on his feet and to improvise. Without a doubt, Johnny Manziel was talented enough to be successful in the NFL. However, he wasn't. The Cleveland Browns selected Johnny Football with the 22nd overall pick two years ago. Although most people view this selection as one that could be "nobust" because it was 22 picks into the draft, the selection of Johnny Manziel was a terrible one. In two of the three years before Manziel was picked, the 22nd overall selections were Desmond Trufant and Anthony Castonzo, both solid, influential NFL players. The other year was the Brown's selection again, where they chose Brandon Weeden.

The Cleveland Browns organization has done a consistently



Johnny Football

horrendous job on draft night. In 2011, the Cleveland Browns selected Phillip Taylor with the 21st overall pick. Here, the Browns drafted a bust, as Taylor is now hardly on the depth chart for the Denver Broncos, where a smart pick would be starting on the team. In 2012, the Browns had the 3rd overall pick, which should be a superstar, a franchise player. The Browns unconventionally selected Trent Richardson, who at the time seemed like a great running back. They chose a running back with the third pick, which is the earliest a running back has been selected since 2005, when football was still more of a running game than it is today. The Browns had the third pick and could have better spent it on, well, anyone. Quickly, the organization, not to mention the rest of the NFL, realized that Richardson, just like their previous first round pick, was a bust. Richardson quickly found himself third on the depth chart for Indianapolis and was released to free agency. Only a couple days ago, he was picked up by the Ravens, although few predict that he will even make the team.

As 2013 rolls around, the Browns are in desperate need for a quarterback. This fact goes almost without saying, because they chose Brandon Weeden with the 22nd overall pick. Weeden, once again, was a bust. He now finds himself

as a 2nd-3rd string quarterback in Dallas, while he should be a franchise quarterback. The Browns, yet again, made a terrible decision in the draft. The Browns quickly decided that Weeden wasn't working, shipped him away, and took another desperate shot at a quarterback.

Johnny Manziel was a terrible selection not

only because he is not that good but also because he lacks a maturity that is needed to be successful in the NFL. Manziel, in the light of maturity, is a boy playing a man's game. Manziel had shown signs of immaturity in college, and the Cleveland organization did a well below subpar job at realizing these signs.

The Cleveland Browns have made arguably the worst sequence of draft decisions in NFL history. These decisions cannot be overlooked. The Browns have changed general managers year after year, and the results stay constant. Something else isn't working, and it may be the scouting department or something that extends as far as the ownership. Although many people would argue that we all thought Johnny Manziel and Trent Richardson were going to be good NFL players, it is not our job to figure it out. The Browns have a livelihood based off their draft selections, and it is their definite responsibility to draft players who will help their team. The Browns have consistently shown a lack in the ability to do that, and major changes need to be underway in Cleveland.

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Why the Titans Will Win the Super Bowl Next Year

By Jack Smartt

After many years of disappointment, there is hope for a better season next year for the Titans. If you look at the past four teams that have picked number one in the NFL draft, Houston Texans, Kansas City Chiefs, Carolina Panthers, and Indianapolis Colts; all four teams have made the playoffs since then. It may seem like the Titans situation looks bad, but it could be worse. The Titans have a franchise quarterback, a solid defensive line, and a young team overall that can only improve after going 2-14 last season. Also, with the addition of the new general manager, Jon Robinson, things are looking better for the Titans. Ion Robinson had a position with the Patriots when they took Rob Gronkowski in the 2nd round and Julian Edelman in the 7th round. He also had a major influence on the Buccaneers taking Jameis Winston last year, and that looks like a good pick.

So where do the Titans start to improve their team to make the playoffs and eventually win the Super Bowl? Well, the Titans have the first pick in the upcoming 2016 NFL draft and they have a number of options that they can utilize. First and foremost is obviously to keep the pick. The downside to that is that there is not a clear-cut number one pick, and the Titans already have an answer at quarterback. The Titans could take Laremy Tunsil out of Ole Miss at number one, but they already have an extremely young offensive line, and they are more likely to sign a free agent offensive lineman. Another option at number one would be to take Jalen Ramsey out of Florida State. The Titans have an extremely weak secondary and he would help, but he is projected to be the number five pick according to ESPN's Todd McShay, so that



Marcus Mariota

may be drafting him too early. The third option at number one would be taking Joey Bosa from Ohio State. Joey Bosa is considered to be the best defensive lineman and maybe even the best player by some. McShay has him as the number three pick, behind Tunsil and Carson

Wentz. The problem for the Titans is that they have good outside rushers like Jurrell Casey, Brian Orakpo, and Derrick Morgan. In my opinion, if the Titans were to keep the pick, then they should take Jalen Ramsey because of their desperate need for the secondary. The Titans might also want to trade the pick to someone else in need of a quarterback like the Browns, Rams, or 49ers. The Rams may be a bit of a stretch at the 15th pick, but the Browns and the 49ers are real possibilities. The Browns have the second pick and might not want to give very much to move up just one spot, but if they are really sold on a quarterback like Carson Wentz or Jared Goff, then they might fear giving that pick to someone else. The 49ers would be ideal because they would probably overpay, and they have the 7th pick, which is still a good pick. The only problem with the 49ers is that they want Colin Kaepernick to run Chip Kelly's offense even though he is requesting a trade. If the Titans could get the 7th pick and execute that trade, then they would still be in a situation to get Jalen Ramsey or Vernon Hargreaves, if Ramsey has already been picked. The Titans could also think about Laquon Treadwell. The wide receiver group of Laquon Treadwell, Dorial Green-Beckham, and Kendall Wright would be scary. As for free agency, the Titans will definitely target offensive linemen and cornerbacks/safeties.

The Titans have an estimated \$49.5 million to spend in free agency this year. The Titans should definitely try to make a push for Casey Hayward,

one of the league's best slot cornerbacks and a Vanderbilt alum. As of now the Titans have Coty Sensabaugh and Blidi Wreh-Wilson at nickelback, and that needs to change. Also, the Titans need to try to pick up Reggie Nelson, a free safety from the Cincinnati Bengals who was the co-leader in interceptions last season. The Titans' current free safety is Marqueston Huff who almost never plays, and the Titans need to force some more turnovers. It will be hard to attract top free agents like that to come to the Titans, so they should have a backup plan. I would suggest going after Giants cornerback, Prince Amukamara, who would also help on the outside. I would also suggest for the Titans to target OT Russell Okung, who was a solid tackle for the Seahawks. Another good free agent target would be Lamar Miller, the quick running back for the Miami Dolphins. Overall, the Titans need to address their needs at running back, offensive line, cornerbacks, and free

How does this plan have anything to do with the Titans winning the Super Bowl? Here is how the offseason will unfold and why the Titans will win the Super Bowl. First, the Titans keep their pick and take Jalen Ramsey. Then, the Titans will take FB Glenn Gronkowski out of Kansas State in the fourth round to balance their running game with DeMarco Murray. In free agency, Casey Heyward will sign with the Titans and Prince Amukamara will sign too. The Titans will miss out on all of their other top free agent targets except Russell Okung. Although the team will run out of cap space, they are content with their team. Marcus Mariota will have an amazing year and Delanie Walker and Dorial Green-Beckham will have the best years of their careers. The Titans' power run game with the two fullback formation (Jalston Fowler and Glenn Gronkowski) and DeMarco Murray is going to be unstoppable on third and one and on the goal-line. The Titans offensive line will be steady and just good enough to keep Mariota healthy. The defense will look better with the new secondary but the defensive line will struggle. Jason McCourty, Jalen Ramsey, Casey Heyward, Prince Amukamara, and Da'Norris Searcy will be the best secondary in the league. The Titans will prove the haters wrong and win the Super Bowl.

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A Team Basketball

By McGavock Cooper

This year's junior school basketball A team had a season filled with success, injuries, and a coin toss. However, the team's mindset never wavered. The squad started off with a 1-1 record in the Rockvale tournament, another 1-1 finish in the John Mann Jamboree, and a decent 4th place finish in the Overbrook Classic. However, the Big Red believed that they could accomplish more. The team then set out for the Oakland Tournament and narrowly lost the two games after fighting back from deficits, thus concluding the 2015 portion of the season. The team came back from break feeling refreshed and ready to dive into league play when an injury to starting center Ned Freeland



sidelined him for multiple weeks. This misfortune and other sicknesses put the Big Red in a slump that hurt their chance for tournament seeding. They even experienced a manager switch. After a tough loss to Ensworth, the Big Red needed to win in league play to make the tournament. Coach Jackson emphasized throughout the season, "Anybody can beat anybody in this league." The A team did just that, under

the leadership of captains Harrison Hitt and Eric Saul, and won the remaining five league games, all of which were won by a double digit spread. This streak included a 49-37 win over CPA, when the Big Red executed a game plan that they had been preparing since the tough home opener loss, and a big win over an athletic USN team. The A squad's journey to the tourney kept on going. Finishing the season with a massacre of FRA, the A team was in a 4 way tie for 3rd place, behind only BA and Ensworth. However, as luck would have it, the Big Red, of a pool of teams in which they were 3-2 overall, lost the coin tosses. This was a disappointing turn of events, especially because the A team was playing their best basketball of the year. However, the Big Red moved on with a chip on their shoulder and dominated the silver tournament, winning both games by at least 16 points. Throughout the season, the Big Red took adversity with stride. With hard work and a tough mentality, the team ended their season on a good

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Junior School B Team

By Luke McSween

The Junior School B team, consisting of an even five 8th graders and five 7th graders, had an up and down season. Led by Coach Moran and Coach Jackson, they went on to win 10 out of 13 games. The first game against BA was a great win to start the season, but the second game against CPA saw a crushing 32-31 loss. Logan Vick scored the team high 7 points, closely followed by Matthew Ulm with 6 points in the close CPA game. The B team went on to win against Nashville Central Christian 44-23, led by Samuel Kirkpatrick with 13 points and Mark Pyburn with 12. Mark Pyburn led the B Team with 10



points in a rematch with CPA, but the B team could not overcome an early 20 point deficit, resulting in a 47-37 loss. This loss fueled the B team to go on to win 6 more games. The first of the 6 games was a decisive win against BA 44-30, followed by the second largest win of the season, 57-37 against BGA. The largest win of the season came against Nashville Central Christian 55-23. The final 3 games before the second CPA rematch were against DCA, Ensworth, and Goodpasture, averaging 16 point wins between all three games. The B

team defeated CPA with a sound 55-46 win. The B team went on to face BA and suffered a crushing defeat.

The last game of the year against FRA was a unique finish to the year. The B team won big, but that was

not most important to all the FRA fans. A boy with Down's Syndrome who had been the team's manager got to play a couple of minutes of the second half, and even scored a basket! What a great way to end the season! Overall, the season was successful on many fronts. The team improved as a unit on many aspects on both sides of the ball, becoming better passers and shooters. Having two out of the five starters 7th graders, the B team's next season is looking bright already.

C Team Basketball

By Patrick Wilk

The 2015-2016 Junior School C Team basketball team went 5-2. The following players played for the dynamic team: Max Dillon, Patrick Wilk, Ian Bernatavitz (known

as The Spaz), Frank Bass, Luke Jackson, Dustin Lee, Kendrick Abernathy, Zach Thomas, Clay Crawford, Turner Kirkland, Mathew Fox, and Sam Bartholomew.

The team's first game was against USN. Max Dillon and Ian Bernatavitz had an excellent game. Max Dillon was going up and down the court with multiple break-away layups, and Ian Bernatavitz had countless steals. The Big Red had their first win of the season. For the second game, the team was up against a younger but



more skilled and experienced USN team. Unfortunately, the Big Red C Team lost to USN, but they were on their home court and had quite a crowd on their back. The third game the Big Red C team was favored to beat a less experienced St. Henry team. The Big Red won that game and Dustin Lee was the game's leading rebounder and Zach Thomas had the most steals on the court.

The C Team's next opponent was a very tall Stem Prep team. The opponent won the rebound game, but they could not handle the ball as well.

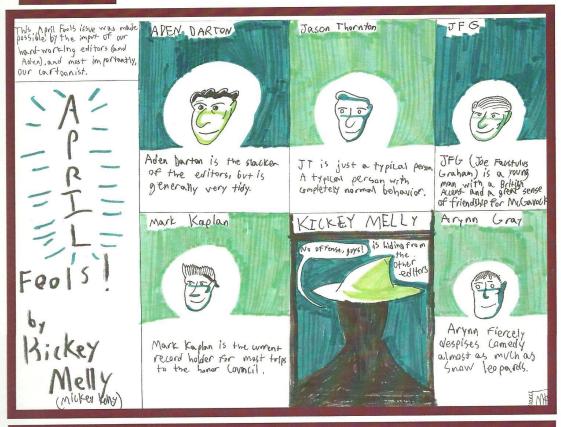
The Big Red came up with a victory in a game where Patrick Wilk shot multiple three pointers, and Bartholomew had shutdown defense. Stem Prep wanted another try against the Big Red on home court, so the C team traveled there, and Stem Prep played a closer game, but could not come out

with the win. The C Team's last game was against a rival BA team. The BA B Team was favored, but the Big Red was focused. The Big Red had a very slow start against the Eagles, but Max Dillon and Frank Bass revealed their raw talent, and the C team completed a thrilling victory over the BA Eagles in the 2nd half. Unfortunately, the Big Red was not able to get the win, but the C-team played a hard fought game. Through all the ups and downs, the C-team made it through with a 5-2 record.

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